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TABLE 1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN OCTOBER 1984

NOTE: These labor force data are supplied by the Department of Labor from their Current Population Survey.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)	OCTOBER 1984	SEPTEMBER 1984	AUGUST 1984	OCTOBER 1983
Total civilian labor force[a]	12,724	12,690	12,665	12,333
Total civilian employment	11,775	11,641	11,697	11,279
Total unemployment	949	1,049	968	1,054
Seasonally adjusted rate (percent)	7.5	8.3	7.6	8.5
Range[b]	6.8–8.2	7.6–9.0	6.9–8.3	7.8–9.2
U.S. seasonally adjusted rate	7.4	7.4	7.5	8.8
UNADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)				
Total civilian labor force[a]	12,754	12,678	12,820	12,352
Total civilian employment	11,854	11,723	11,820	11,356
Total unemployment	888	955	966	996
Unadjusted rate (percent)	7.0	7.5	7.5	8.1
Range[b]	6.3–7.7	6.8–8.2	6.8–8.2	7.4–8.8

a/ Total labor force (and components) by place of residence and including workers involved in trade disputes. Employment includes self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers.

b/ Range as shown is at the 90 percent level of confidence.

HIGHLIGHTS California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined from 8.3 percent in September to 7.5 percent in October. The last time California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped below 7.5 percent was in August 1981. The unemployment rate in October of 1983 was 8.5 percent. The nation's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.4 percent in October, the same as September, but well below the 8.8 percent in October of 1983. Total employment, seasonally adjusted, in California increased by 134,000 over the month to a new record high of 11,775,000. Unemployment, seasonally adjusted, decreased by 100,000 to 949,000 which is the lowest number of unemployed in 37 months.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment also increased to a new record high of 10,490,400 during October. The increase is primarily the result of the seasonal increase in the number of jobs in education offset by the seasonal layoffs in the canning industry. Besides government, the only industry division to show increased employment was services which reported record employment of 2,494,800. Since October of last year, the number of jobs in California has increased by 389,700 reflecting a growth rate of 3.9 percent. During September of 1984, the average weekly earnings of production workers in manufacturing increased to a record high of $397.00, while the average number of hours worked per week remained constant at 40.2.

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TABLE 2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE WORKING-AGE POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA[1/]

(Numbers in Thousands)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	OCTOBER 1984	SEPTEMBER 1984	AUGUST 1984	OCTOBER 1983
Total				
Labor Force	12,754	12,678	12,820	12,352
Employed	11,866	11,723	11,854	11,356
Unemployed	888	955	966	996
Unemployment Rate	7.0	7.5	7.5	8.1
Male, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	6,805	6,780	6,690	6,543
Employed	6,380	6,302	6,150	6,068
Unemployed	425	478	539	476
Unemployment Rate	6.2	7.0	8.1	7.3
Female, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	5,196	5,116	5,140	5,018
Employed	4,865	4,791	4,768	4,668
Unemployed	331	325	371	349
Unemployment Rate	6.4	6.4	7.2	7.0
Both Sexes, Age 16–19				
Labor Force	671	782	970	791
Employed	548	630	809	620
Unemployed	123	152	161	171
Unemployment Rate	18.3	19.2	16.6	21.6
White				
Labor Force	10,756	10,726	10,823	10,510
Employed	10,046	9,981	9,988	9,742
Unemployed	710	745	835	769
Unemployment Rate	6.6	6.9	7.7	7.3
Nonwhite				
Labor Force	1,998	1,952	1,976	1,842
Employed	1,820	1,742	1,739	1,614
Unemployed	179	210	237	227
Unemployment Rate	8.9	10.8	12.0	12.3

1/ Data supplied by the Department of Labor from their current population survey. No comparable data available for areas within California.

TABLE 3
EARNINGS AND HOURS[a/] OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING IN CALIFORNIA

Area	Average weekly earnings			Average hours per week			Average hourly earnings		
	September 1984	August 1984	September 1983	September 1984	August 1984	September 1983	September 1984	August 1984	September 1983
California	$396.77	$394.38	$386.88	40.2	40.2	40.3	$9.87	$9.81	$9.60

a/ Average hours and earnings are based upon data for full-time and part-time production and related workers in manufacturing industries. Average gross weekly and hourly earnings include overtime pay and premium wages for late-shift work. Attention is directed to the fact that these are not wage rates but are averages of gross earnings.

TABLE 4
MONTHLY WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS FOR OCTOBER 1984
EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS OF JOBS
— DATA NOT ADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY —

INDUSTRY TITLE	CURRENT MONTH OCTOBER 84	PREVIOUS MONTH SEPTEMBER 84	YEAR AGO OCTOBER 83	NUMERICAL CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
				MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR
Total Nonagricultural Employment	10,490.4	10,456.0	10,100.7	34.4	389.7	0.3	3.9
Mining	48.2	48.2	47.6	0.0	0.6	0.0	1.3
Metal Mining	1.3	1.3	1.5	0.0	−0.2	0.0	−13.3
Fuel Mining	40.6	40.6	39.7	0.0	0.9	0.0	2.3
Nonmetal Mining	6.3	6.3	6.4	0.0	−0.1	0.0	−1.6
Construction	425.1	426.2	390.1	−1.1	35.0	−0.3	9.0
General Building Contractors	111.0	112.3	100.1	−1.3	10.9	−1.2	10.9
Heavy Construction	70.9	70.5	63.7	0.4	7.2	0.6	11.3
Special Trade Contractors	243.2	243.4	226.3	−0.2	16.9	−0.1	7.5
Manufacturing	2,027.1	2,044.9	1,965.5	−17.8	61.6	−0.9	3.1
Nondurable Goods	832.4	848.3	832.5	−15.9	−0.1	−2.5	−0.0
Durable Goods	1,394.7	1,396.6	1,333.0	−1.9	61.7	−0.1	4.6
Food and Kindred	179.2	196.3	182.4	−17.1	−3.2	−8.7	−1.8
Canned, Cured, Frozen Sea Foods	7.9	8.0	9.7	−0.1	−1.8	1.3	−18.6
Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	53.9	72.4	57.8	−18.5	−3.9	−25.6	−6.7
Other Food and Kindred Products	117.4	115.9	114.9	1.5	2.5	1.3	2.2
Textile Mill Products	13.0	13.1	13.1	−0.1	−0.1	−0.8	−0.8
Apparel and Other Textile Products	110.8	109.6	108.3	1.2	2.5	1.1	2.3
Paper and Allied Products	36.9	36.9	36.3	0.0	0.6	0.0	1.7
Printing and Publishing	131.1	130.7	127.6	0.4	3.5	0.3	2.7
Chemicals and Allied Products	60.6	60.8	61.8	−0.2	−1.2	−0.3	−1.9
Petroleum and Coal Products	29.1	29.2	30.8	−0.1	−1.7	−0.3	−5.5
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	64.6	64.5	63.4	0.1	1.2	0.2	1.9
Leather and Leather Products	7.1	7.2	8.8	−0.1	−1.7	−1.4	−19.3
Lumber & Wood Prod. exc. Furniture	56.9	57.5	54.1	−0.6	2.8	−1.0	5.2
Furniture and Fixtures	58.9	58.3	53.5	0.6	5.4	1.0	10.1
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	51.9	52.0	51.4	−0.1	0.5	−0.2	1.0
Primary Metal Industries	43.5	43.9	44.3	−0.4	−0.8	−0.9	−1.8
Fabricated Metal Products	140.4	141.5	137.8	−1.1	2.6	−0.8	1.9
Machinery except Electrical	230.0	230.9	222.2	−0.9	7.8	−0.4	3.5
Electrical Equipment and Supplies	394.4	393.6	364.3	0.8	30.1	0.2	8.3
Transportation Equipment	274.7	275.2	261.9	−0.5	12.8	−0.2	4.9
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	33.7	33.9	31.4	−0.2	2.3	−0.6	7.3
Aircraft and Parts	140.8	140.7	135.7	0.1	5.1	0.1	3.8
Ship & Boat Building & Repairing	19.5	20.1	18.3	−0.6	1.2	−3.0	6.6
Guided Miss., Space Vehicles Parts	70.1	69.8	65.9	0.3	4.2	0.4	6.4
Other Transportation Equipment	10.6	10.7	10.6	−0.1	0.0	−0.9	0.0
Instruments and Related Products	105.8	105.7	104.2	0.1	1.6	0.1	1.5
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	38.2	38.0	39.3	0.2	−1.1	0.5	−2.8
Transportation and Public Utilities	532.1	534.5	545.8	−2.4	−13.7	−0.4	−2.5
Transportation	311.4	313.5	294.7	−2.1	16.7	−0.7	5.7
Railroads	24.2	24.9	24.7	−0.7	−0.5	−2.8	−2.0
Trucking and Warehousing	126.4	127.4	119.3	−1.0	7.1	−0.8	6.0
Other Transportation	160.8	161.2	150.7	−0.4	10.1	−0.2	6.7
Communications	143.1	143.0	175.8	0.1	−32.7	0.1	−18.6
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	77.6	78.0	75.3	−0.4	2.3	−0.5	3.1
Wholesale Trade	640.6	642.0	610.9	−1.4	29.7	−0.2	4.9
Retail Trade	1,880.2	1,881.6	1,762.2	−1.4	118.0	−0.1	6.7
General Merchandise Stores	241.1	235.1	236.2	6.0	4.9	2.6	2.1
Food Stores	272.1	271.6	257.6	0.5	14.5	0.2	5.6
Other Retail Trade	1,367.0	1,374.9	1,268.4	−7.9	98.6	−0.6	7.8
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	682.2	682.3	661.4	−0.1	20.8	−0.0	3.1
Finance	337.2	335.2	331.9	2.0	5.3	0.6	1.6
Insurance Agents, Carriers, Brokers	187.8	188.1	182.9	−0.3	4.9	−0.2	2.7
Real Estate	138.8	140.8	129.0	−2.0	9.8	−1.4	7.6
Comb. Holding and Other Investment Co.	18.4	18.2	17.6	0.2	0.8	1.1	4.5
Services	2,494.8	2,487.1	2,386.6	7.7	108.2	0.3	4.5
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	131.4	132.9	122.7	−1.5	8.7	−1.1	7.1
Personal Services	114.2	113.6	101.3	0.6	12.9	0.5	12.7
Business Services	590.0	588.0	533.8	2.0	56.2	0.3	10.5
Auto and Misc. Repair Services	143.9	144.4	138.4	−0.5	5.5	−0.3	4.0
Motion Pictures	82.8	83.1	84.2	−0.3	−1.4	−0.4	−1.7
Amusement and Recreation Services	106.0	113.7	104.0	−7.7	2.0	−6.8	1.9
Health Services	621.8	620.6	615.0	1.2	6.8	0.2	1.1
Other Services	704.7	690.8	687.2	13.9	17.5	2.0	2.5
Government	1,760.1	1,709.2	1,730.6	50.9	29.5	3.0	1.7
Federal Government	333.0	333.8	327.6	−0.8	5.4	−0.2	1.6
State and Local Governments	1,427.1	1,375.4	1,403.0	51.7	24.1	3.8	1.7
County	223.6	224.5	213.1	−0.9	10.5	−0.4	4.9
City	192.8	194.6	189.4	−1.8	3.4	−0.9	1.8
Education	746.0	686.9	738.6	59.1	7.4	8.6	1.0
Education State	147.5	136.9	142.3	10.6	5.2	7.7	3.7
Education Local	598.5	550.0	596.3	48.5	2.2	8.8	0.4
Other State and Local	264.7	269.4	261.9	−4.7	2.8	−1.7	1.1
Other State	176.6	180.4	175.3	−3.8	1.3	−2.1	0.7
Special District	88.1	89.0	86.6	−0.9	1.5	−1.0	1.7
Total Agriculture	404.9	484.1	401.0	−79.2	3.9	−16.4	1.0

SOURCE: Employment Development Department, Employment Data and Research Division
NOTE: Current month's data are preliminary.

TABLE 5
MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
SEPTEMBER 1984

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			NUMBER	PERCENT*
STATE TOTAL	12,677,900	11,723,000	954,900	7.5
Alameda	603,375	564,925	38,450	6.4
Alpine	475	450	25	3.2
Amador	8,350	7,675	675	8.1
Butte	69,775	63,175	6,600	9.5
Calaveras	8,725	7,775	950	11.0
Colusa	9,025	8,325	700	7.8
Contra Costa	357,200	335,450	21,750	6.1
Del Norte	7,175	6,225	950	13.1
El Dorado	38,900	35,675	3,225	8.3
Fresno	349,600	317,200	32,400	9.3
Glenn	11,750	10,525	1,225	10.5
Humboldt	49,100	44,125	4,975	10.1
Imperial	52,000	29,800	22,200	42.7
Inyo	10,000	9,325	675	6.7
Kern	221,200	194,800	26,400	11.9
Kings	31,825	27,975	3,850	12.1
Lake	18,950	17,025	1,925	10.1
Lassen	9,225	8,425	800	8.6
Los Angeles	3,880,000	3,568,000	312,000	8.0
Madera	41,275	37,775	3,500	8.5
Marin	119,650	113,750	5,900	4.9
Mariposa	5,425	5,000	425	7.9
Mendocino	34,100	31,025	3,075	9.0
Merced	77,800	70,475	7,325	9.4
Modoc	5,100	4,700	400	7.9
Mono	5,075	4,475	600	11.8
Monterey	152,700	140,600	12,100	7.9
Napa	42,825	39,950	2,875	6.7
Nevada	23,575	21,550	2,025	8.6
Orange	1,262,600	1,206,200	56,400	4.5
Placer	62,700	57,700	5,000	8.0
Plumas	7,650	6,800	850	11.2
Riverside	283,600	251,400	32,200	11.4
Sacramento	416,700	385,200	31,500	7.6
San Benito	15,625	14,275	1,350	8.6
San Bernardino	368,700	339,300	29,400	8.0
San Diego	888,200	832,800	55,400	6.2
San Francisco	374,625	347,000	27,625	7.4
San Joaquin	191,800	172,700	19,100	10.0
San Luis Obispo	80,150	75,500	4,650	5.8
San Mateo	314,800	300,175	14,625	4.6
Santa Barbara	165,000	155,600	9,400	5.7
Santa Clara	873,800	831,900	41,900	4.8
Santa Cruz	105,200	97,700	7,500	7.1
Shasta	53,875	47,250	6,625	12.3
Sierra	1,225	1,075	150	12.0
Siskiyou	17,250	15,000	2,250	13.0
Solano	103,225	94,725	8,500	8.2
Sonoma	156,000	146,400	9,600	6.1
Stanislaus	143,800	126,500	17,300	12.0
Sutter	24,850	21,325	3,525	14.2
Tehama	16,900	15,075	1,825	10.8
Trinity	5,500	4,900	600	11.0
Tulare	133,050	116,500	16,550	12.5
Tuolumne	15,025	13,525	1,500	9.9
Ventura	269,300	244,500	24,800	9.2
Yolo	60,000	55,800	4,200	7.0
Yuba	23,050	20,300	2,750	11.9

*NOTE: Census ratios used in deriving these estimates are from the 1980 Census. Unemployment rate is based on unrounded data. Data not seasonally adjusted.